

COUNTRY

Eastern Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Military Information from the Post and Exercises in the Rathenow Area.

25X1

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT 24 September 1952 to 4 October 1952

DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 24 October 1952REFERENCES 25X1

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS 25X1

25X1

1. During the period from 24 to 26 September 1952, a large-scale exercise involving tanks, armored personnel carriers, rocket launchers, AAA, motorcycles and air force was observed in the area of Rathenow. A column observed in the vicinity of the training area consisted of armored personnel carrier

25X1

SECRET

- 2 -

2. During the period from 24 September to 4 October, only a little vehicular traffic was noticed between the barracks installations of Rathenow. On 26 September, 25 factory new, two-axle trucks were unloaded at the Nordbahnhof. On 3 October, recruits from the U.S.S.R. were detrained from 47 boxcars at the same railroad station. About 100 recruits wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. They marched to the Infanterie Kaserne. On 4 October, the Soviet stores which had been kept in town were transferred to the Infanterie Kaserne on the Nordbahnhof. The German employees were discharged during the same period.

25X1 3. During the period from 2 to 4 October, Camp Premnitz south of Rathenow was occupied by about 45 to 50 rocket launchers and about 170 trucks.

25X1

25X1 Comment. [redacted] similar observations [redacted] on exercises in the Rathenow-Mennhausen-Vieritz area from 23 to 26 September by elements of the Fourth Cds Ndz Army. [redacted] The preliminary loading of units of the Army after the completion of the training on 26 September was previously reported [redacted]. The above shipments which departed on and after 27 September [redacted]

25X1 [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] carried units of the 6th Cds Ndz Div and army troops back to their posts. [redacted]

25X1 Comment. [redacted] the elements of the 6th Arty Div were not back at their Rathenow post by 4 October. The arrival of recruits corresponds with other information from Eastern Germany, according to which the replacement of personnel started on 19 September. As the Hq 6th Arty Div is carried in the Infanterie Kaserne, it is conceivable that the stores were transferred into this barracks installation.

25X1 Comment. The information tends to indicate that the majority of the 25th RL Brig returned to its quarters in early October 1952. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] that a train went from Lankwitz to Premnitz on 2 October.

25X1

25X1

SECRET